

**Introduced by Senator Rosenthal**

February 4, 1998

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An act to amend Section 5814 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to mental health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1485, as introduced, Rosenthal. Mental health.

Existing law establishes the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act and requires the act to be implemented only to the extent funds are appropriated in the Budget Act. Existing law requires available funds to be used first to maintain funding for existing programs in certain counties with any excess directed to expansion of the program to other qualifying counties.

This bill would also expressly require that the qualifying counties be interested.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 5814 of the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code is amended to read:  
3 5814. This part shall be implemented only to the  
4 extent that funds are appropriated for purposes of this  
5 part in the Budget Act. To the extent that funds are made  
6 available, the first priority shall go to maintain funding for  
7 the existing programs developed in Los Angeles,  
8 Stanislaus, and Ventura Counties with any excess

1 directed to the expansion of the program to other  
2 qualifying *and interested* counties.

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